

## SELECTING SEED CORN IN FIELDS

**Farmer Has Splendid Opportunity to Start Increasing Next Year's Yield.**

### CURE AND STORE EARS WELL

**Hatrack Device Is Easily Made by Cutting an Electrically Welded Wire-Mesh Fence—Avoid Dame Atmosphere!**

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

It costs as much to plant and cultivate an acre producing 20 bushels of corn as one producing 40 bushels. So with present labor costs, a farmer could reduce his acreage one-half and still get the same corn yield he would consider it good business.

Such a program is probably too much to expect from the United States Department of Agriculture, but it is apparent that the American farmer is getting altogether too little yield from his corn land. Just about this time of year many good farmers are realizing.

**Prepare for Next Year's Crop.**

Now, or a little later, American farmers have an opportunity to start increasing next year's crop by the selection of seed. Every spring there is a frantic search for good seed corn, and many times the seed is planted with resulting inferior yields.

The loss is largely due to delay or negligence. Autumn is the time to prepare for a profitable corn crop the following summer.

An intelligent farmer can go into his corn field when the corn is mature and select better seed than he can buy next spring. Unless a community has an experienced and honest corn breeder, the best place for the farmer to obtain his seed should be the fields on his farm or in his neighborhood, which are planted with a variety that has generally proved successful in that particular locality. Too many people consider seed good simply because it will grow. To be first class, seed corn must be.

1. Well adapted to the climatic and soil conditions where it is to be planted.

2. Of a high-yielding variety and from high-yielding stalks of that variety.

3. Well matured and preserved from ripening date until planting time in a manner that will retain its full vitality.

4. Free from disease and insect infestation. Such freedom may indicate resistance to infection.

As soon as the crop matures, go through the field with a picking bag and select the stalks of the strains that have produced the most good, without having had any special advantages such as excess of space, moisture, or fertility. Avoid the large

**LIME SPREADER IS FAVORED**

**Machine Is More Efficient in Securing Even Distribution of Material on Soil.**

Lime should always be applied to the surface of the soil and harrowed in. This may be done in the fall, winter, or spring, although many recommend that it be applied in the fall. Lime is put on the land, however, is not so important as how it is done. It should never be plowed under because it is carried downward in the soil very rapidly, much of it is wasted and lost, and will not produce little growth of vine, but will generally yield a good proportion of seed. Clay soils will not produce a heavy yield the first year, but will do well in the second year.

It may be said that the corn will do best on good corn land, but will thrive on any type of soil that are well drained, properly inoculated, and moderately rich.

**SEALING OF SILO IMPORTANT**

**Satisfactory Plan Is to Haul Ears From Last Few Loads, Tramp and Moisten Well.**

Proper sealing of the silo is essential in reducing the amount of waste. An easy and satisfactory method is to haul the ears from the last three or four loads of corn that are to go into the silo, and run only the stalks through the thresher. When these last loads are tramped and soaked with 20 to 30 barrels of water, the top will be well seated and there will be only a thin layer of waste. Moreover, there will no ear in this waste, because it is not cleaned and made available for other purposes.

**TO STRAIGHTEN STAVE SILO**

**Sometimes May Be Done by Putting Ropes Around and Pulling With Roof Stretchers.**

Sometimes when the stave silo leans over without being twisted, it is possible to straighten it up by putting ropes around the pullings them with powerful fence stretchers or with a block and tackle. Where it is twisted also the ropes should be fastened so that they will tend to overcome the twist. In general, however, it is better for the farmer to fasten the staves to the ground and rebuild it, replacing the staves that are splintered or too badly twisted.

**Sunflowers an Attraction.**

Sunflowers in the proper place are an attraction. Sometimes a few rows make a good border for the garden. The ripe seed makes good chicken feed.

**Storage of Potatoes.**

Good storage of potatoes begins at the time of harvesting. The digger should be adjusted so as to furnish sufficient vibration to separate the dirt from the tubers—and no more.

**Important Storage Factors.**

Since excessive moisture favors decay, the storage room should have perfect drainage. One of the most important factors is that of cleanliness. Be careful that vegetable tops are mixed in with roots.

**Cider and Grape Juice.**

Cider and grape juice can be kept sweet by pasteurization. The Department of Agriculture has a circular on the process.

**Clean Up the Storage Cellar Before Using.**

Mold, bacteria and fungi flourish in rubbish and decaying matter.

## COWPEAS SUCCEED ON ALL TYPES OF SOILS

**Crop Is Adapted to About Same Conditions as Corn.**

**Withstands Considerable Degree of Drought, but Leaves Are Injured by Least Touch of Frost—Valuable in Orchards.**

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The cowpea is a warm-weather crop; therefore it has the greatest value in the southern states, particularly along the coast, where successively, however, in the southern parts of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and New Jersey, and parts of Michigan. In general, the cowpea is adapted to about the same conditions as corn, but it requires somewhat more heat. It will withstand a considerable degree of drought, but under very dry conditions will produce only a moderate quantity of hay and

silage. The tall, long skirts, asserts a fashion correspondent, has grown to be the most popular dress throughout the country as a fashion that has taken a firm hold. It is true they are not yet worn on the streets in this country to any extent, but they are seen in the most prominent dress wear which is the newest importation, or copies of new French models.

All of the conjecture regarding the beauty of the new styles in evening dresses is being verified daily by the appearance of the latest new models from the hands of the great designers of Paris. The gay summer social season has made it possible for many of the winter novelties to be anticipated. Paris is again to be the most popular gayety, and many ladies here are copying the fashions of visiting strangers have brought together wealth and fashion to an unrivaled degree.

While no one can deny the continued vogue of black—which, radiating from Paris, has become the favorite evening costume as well—one is happy to note that at the most recent social affairs gay splashes of color are beginning to appear. The all-prevailing black has got to be put aside, however, in view of its severity and predominance, especially as many Parisians with these black dresses laid aside their jewels something that is not done even in the depths of mourning. Thus the introduction of a sprinkling of more cheerful colors has been received with enthusiasm.

Many colorful balls given as benefits for various charitable works have been held in Paris, and these heralded occasions bring with them these charming new evening dresses could be worn with great effect. Visitors from all nations have united in attending gala performances and other entertainments, and the gaiety of the season will unquestionably be valuable in orchards. In heavy shade the pants will be more valuable.

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